



WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF
E C O L O G Y

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE ADOPTION OF
Chapter 173-175 WAC, Dam Safety

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- 1. Please describe how the Agency intends to implement and enforce the rule. Please include a description of the resources the Agency intends to use (RCW 34.05.328(3)(a)).**

The rule lessens agency fees for conducting periodic inspections of existing dams. The 2006 invoices mailed out to collect these fees have already been modified to reflect the changed fees for the affected projects.

- 2. Please describe how the Agency intends to inform and educate affected persons about the rule (RCW 34.05.328(3)(b)).**

A public notice was mailed out on July 15, 2005 to owners of the 58 affected projects. The notice explains the legislative actions that required rule changes and Ecology's timeline for adopting rules that agree with the legislative changes.

- 3. Please describe how the Agency intends to promote and assist voluntary compliance for this rule (RCW 34.05.328(3)(c)).**

The compliance will require affected parties to pay lower periodic inspection fees than in 2005. One would imagine compliance will be 100%.

- 4. Please describe how the Agency intends to evaluate whether the rule achieves the purpose for which it was adopted, including to the maximum extent practicable, the use of interim milestones to assess progress and the use of objectively measurable outcome (RCW 34.05.328(3)(d)).**

The rule adopts changes made to RCW 90.03.470 by the Washington legislature in 2005. If the rule changes Chapter 173-175 WAC to agree with these changes, which are already in effect, it will achieve its purpose.

- 5. Please describe how the Agency intends to train and inform Ecology staff regarding new rule or rule amendment.**

No training for rule implementation will be required. Existing Ecology cashiering staff will collect fees with the new invoices in exactly the same manner as before, so no changes will be necessary.

- 6. Please identify supporting documents that may need to be revised because of the rule amendment. Or Identify new supporting documents that need to be developed because of a new rule.**

No changes in supporting documents will be necessary.